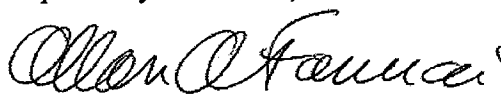


### **REMARKS**

Claims 15, 39-41, 43-48, and 52-55, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claim 15 was amended to correct an error of a typographical nature as to the number of amino acids. Claims 39, 47, 48, 52 and 53 have been amended to recite preferred embodiments that are expressly supported by the specification. Thus, claims 42, and 49-51 have been cancelled. The dependency of claims 43, 46 and 52 has been changed due to the cancellation of those claims. These changes have been made after a telephone discussion with the Examiner and in response to applicants' efforts to expedite the allowance of this application. As no new matter has been introduced by these changes, the amendment should be entered at this time for placing the entire application in condition for allowance.

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